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Breakthrough in gang rape incident at Chamundi Foothill

Five arrested in TN

Another absconding; One among accused is a minor

Mysuru, Aug. 28 (RK&BCT)- In a major breakthrough, the city Police have arrested five persons in connection with the gang rape incident that occurred at Lalithadripura at the foot of Chamundi Hill on the night of Aug. 24. One among the accused is a minor and all of them were arrested at the Textile City of Tirupur in Tamil Nadu and have been brought to Mysuru.

In all, there are six accused in the case and one among them is absconding, said Karnataka Director General and Inspector General of Police (DG&IGP) Praveen Sood, addressing a press conference at the Office of the Superintendent of Police (SP) in the city this noon. "The age of one accused is 17 and it needs to be confirmed and further procedures will be undertaken as per the Supreme Court guidelines and the guidelines of Juvenile Justice Board," he said.

Karnataka DG&IGP Praveen Sood addressing a press conference in city this noon as (from left) Mysuru City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta, IGP Southern Range Praveen Madhukar Pawar, DCPs Pradeep Gunti & Geetha Prasanna and SP R. Chetan look on.

The incident took place around 8 pm in the Thippayyanakere region in Lalithadripura. The girl (victim) from outside Karnataka was a MBA student in Mysuru and she was accompanied by a male friend when the incident occurred.

"This is for the first time I am addressing back-to-back press conferences. Yesterday I had spoken to you about the teams that cracked the Vidyaranyapuram jewellery store gold heist and today here I am before you to reveal the arrest of gang rape accused," Sood told the media and announced a reward of Rs. 5 lakh to the team that nailed the accused.

No statement from the victim

"The youngsters gang raped the girl student and also severely assaulted her male friend. The accused even filmed the heinous crime and threatened to make the video clips viral if they were not paid Rs. 3 lakh and they negotiated a deal with the girl's parents too after forcing the girl to call her parents in Maharashtra. Our officers tracked down the accused with the help of technical and electronic evidence," Sood said.

"We did not get even a single line of statement from the victim and we began our investigation based on the sketchy, inconsistent and also incomplete version from the rape victim's male friend who also is in a state of trauma. The accused have studied till eighth standard and have dropped out later," the DG&IGP said.

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Over 10,000 students write CET in Mysuru

Mysuru, Aug. 28 (MTY&DM)- The Common Entrance Test (CET-2021) for admission to under-graduate professional courses (barring Medical and Dental courses) such as Engineering, Agriculture, Pharmacy, Architecture, Horticulture etc., in Colleges of Karnataka, began today at 19 centres spread across the city and nine other centres at Taluk Headquarters in the district, with all COVID-19 Government SOPs in place.

A total of 10,536 students had registered for CET-2021 in the city and district. On the first day today, Biology paper was held in the morning session (10.30 am to 11.50 am) and Mathematics paper in the afternoon (2.30 pm to 3.50 pm), with each question paper carrying 60 marks.

Tomorrow (Aug. 29), Physics exam will take place in the morning session and Chemistry in the afternoon. The Kannada language exam only for Horanadu and Gadinadu Kannadigas will be held on Aug. 30 at just six places in the State.

(See CET on page 7)

KSRTC bus ticket took Police to hideout in TN

Mysuru, Aug. 28 (RK&BCT)- The clinching evidence or clue for the Police that led to the arrest of the gang rape accused came in the form of a KSRTC bus ticket to Thalavadi in Tamil Nadu. One of the accused had dropped the bus ticket at the crime scene and his mobile tower location was traced, making it easy for the Police to arrest them.

The victim's friend had told the Police that all the accused were in the age group of 25 to 30 years.

The accused had surveyed the area on the afternoon of Aug. 24 and one of them had dropped the KSRTC bus ticket in the area that was collected by the investigating team. The bus ticket was to Thalavadi in Tamil Nadu through Chamarajanagar.

Securing the ticket, the Police knew that the accused was from Tamil Nadu and based on the mobile tower location, the Police found that the person, who was present at the crime scene from 7.30 pm along with five other accused, was also present at the location on that afternoon.

Their locations were traced based on the Call Record Details (CDR) and all of them were found to be in Tamil Nadu and were hunted down in Tirupur while one of the accused is absconding.

On the night of horror, the student and her friend headed towards Chamundi Hill and they found a small clearing on the side of the road and stopped their bike.

It was 7.30 by then when a group of intoxicated men arrived at the spot and passed inappropriate comments, Police sources said.

(See TICKET on page 7)

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Saturday 28th August 2021

Union Minister Dr. L. Murugan to inaugurate JSS Community Radio Station tomorrow

Minister Somanna to inaugurate 106th Jayanthi of Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji

Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji

Dr. Murugan

Somanna

Mysuru, Aug. 28- The 106th Jayanthi of Jagadguru Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Mahaswamiji and the inauguration of JSS Community Radio 91.2 FM Station will be held tomorrow (Aug. 29) at 11 am in the premises of JSS College of Arts, Commerce and Science, Ooty Road, Mysuru.

Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji will grace the occasion.

The JSS Radio 91.2 FM Station will be inaugurated by Dr. L. Murugan, Union Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, Dairy and Information and Broadcasting while V. Somanna, Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Development, Government of Karnataka, will inaugurate the 106th Jayanthi.

MLA S.A. Ramdas will preside. MP Prathap Simha will release the logo and JSS Community Radio FM 91.2 App. MLAs Tanveer Sait and L. Nagendra will be the chief guests. Mayor Sunanda Palanetra and University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar will be present on the occasion.

Those who wish to participate in the programme must follow COVID-19 SOPs. The programme will also be live-streamed on ***http://Youtube.com/c/JSSMahavidyapeethaonline***; ***https://www.facebook.com//JSSMVP*** OR ***http://jssonline.org***

The JSS Radio 91.2 FM Station is established with the approval of Information and Broadcast Ministry, Government of India. In the beginning, the Radio Station will broadcast programmes every day from 7 am to 8 am and from 4 pm to 5 pm.

The JSS Radio 91.2 FM intends to broadcast programmes on Karunalu Ba Belake, Jeeva Sanjeevini, Prathiba Vilasa, Kavya Parampare, Idu Namma Nadu, Bhaava Sangama, Ivaru Nammavaru, Parisara Parichaya, Ayur Satva, Gnana Sudha, Vignana Gnana Suddi, education and legal awareness programmes.

The patron listeners can listen to JSS Radio 91.2 FM by tuning in to Radio or Mobile radio App. The listeners can download JSS Radio App from Google Play store available for android handsets or log in to *www.jsscacs.edu.in* to listen to the JSS Radio 91.2 FM programmes.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The personal attention given by PM Narendra Modi before, during and after the Games was something unheard of. Never before was an independent unit, namely the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS), effectively activated some four years before the Games. TOPS facilitated scientific selection of players, structured and time-bound implementation of plans, ensured quick response mechanism in athlete funding as also synergy amongst all stakeholders, starting with the appointment of dedicated professional staff.

Also important were other measures like undertaking recce of the Olympic venues and sporting facilities in Tokyo as well as conducting athlete development workshops for holistic growth, including sensitisation about Japanese culture. Also, for the first time, athletes were served through a wellness cell to monitor their health, injury treatment and nutritional needs. Undoubtedly, India's Olympic performance is historic. But more importantly, efforts put in by the Government, PM and Sports Ministers Kiren Rijiju and Anurag Thakur were equally exceptional. This underscores a tectonic change in the Government's approach towards sports. — *Vinay Sahasrabuddhe in The New Indian Express*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Man mourns aunt with heart-shaped love ewes

Canberra: An Australian farmer couldn't go to his aunt's funeral because of pandemic restrictions so he paid his respects with a novel alternative: dozens of sheep arranged in the shape of a love heart.

Drone-shot video of pregnant ewes munching barley in a paddock while unwittingly expressing Ben Jackson's affection for his beloved Auntie Deb was viewed by mourners at her funeral in the city of Brisbane in Queensland State this week.

Jackson was locked down at the time across a State border at his farm in Guyra in New South Wales state, 430 kilometers (270 miles) away.

Stone-pelting battle injures 77 people

Champawat: Every year, hundreds of people from Uttarakhand State engage in Bagwal, a traditional brutal stone-pelting battle that often leaves dozens with severe injuries that require medical attention.

Bagwal literally means "fight with stones," so it's a pretty fitting name for a celebration that's all about hurling big stones at the opposing side. Four clans gather in the Champawat district of Uttarakhand to take part in the unique event. In fact, bloody wounds are the whole point of Bagwal as legend has it that the Hindu deity Barahi struck a deal with humans to rid them of demon invaders in exchange for a sacrifice in the form of blood.

This year, the Bagwal stone-pelting battle of Devidhura was supposed to be a low-key affair this year, due to Covid-19, but devotees turned up in large numbers. The battle lasted seven minutes this year, but that was enough to leave 77 of the 300 brave devotees with injuries that required subsequent medical attention.

HEALTH CAPSULE

How do doctors give you anaesthesia?

You can have anaesthetic drugs through injection, inhalation, topical lotion, spray, eye drops or skin patches.

By Dr. Balasubramanyam P K - Consultant – Anesthesiology

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Calling transgenders to avail incentives

Mysuru, Aug. 28- Karnataka State Women Development Corporation has invited applications from oppressed women to avail Rs. 30,000 incentive under Chetana (Rehabilitation of Sex Workers) and Rehabilitation of Transgender Scheme for the year 2021-22.

Eligible candidates can collect the applications from Taluk Child Development Project Officer's office or from Aashodaya Samithi located behind Kamakshi Hospital, Kuvempunagar.

Last date for obtaining the applications is Aug.30 and candidates should submit the filled in forms before Sept.9 with two photocopies of the application.

Along with the application, registered ID card of Aashodaya Samithi, Caste Certificate, Income Certificate, Voter ID, 3 Passport size latest photographs, Passbook of authorised national bank, Account details linked with Aadhaar number, Address proof (Aadhaar card, BPL.card) should be submitted.

Applications submitted after the due date will not be considered. For details contact Ph: 0821-2439250 or 0821-2495432, according to a press release.

REALLY...?

- ***Giraffes only have bottom teeth.***
- ***Just like humans, giraffes have 32 teeth.***
- ***Rabbits, squirrels and rodents have teeth that never stop growing.***
- ***Hippopotamuses have the longest canine teeth of any animal.***
- ***Blue whales have no teeth: Even though they're the largest mammals in the world, blue whales only eat tiny shrimp called krill, so they don't need teeth. Instead, they have bristle-like filters called baleen that comb through the water for food.***
- ***Dogs have 42 teeth, cats have 30 teeth, pigs have 44 teeth and an armadillo has 104 teeth.***

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Wife was in ICU and the husband was unable to control his tears...
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Husband: *Doctor please save her. She is just 30 and the family needs her.*
Miraculously, the ECG started beeping, a hand moved and lips mumbled...
Darling, I'm 29, not 30 !!

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.49
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 101.19
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.01
1 Euro	= Rs. 86.70

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

	AUGUST 26	AUGUST 27
Day's Positive Cases	98	72
Total Positive Cases	1,75,639	1,75,711
Day's Discharges	43	124
Total Discharges	1,72,235	1,72,359
Day's Deaths	3	2
Total Deaths	2,356	2,358
Total Active Cases	1,048	994

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

VOICE OF THE READER

Curb noise pollution by street hawkers

Sir,

Everybody is pitying and encouraging street hawkers for giving the supply of our daily needs at our doorsteps, thus avoiding crowding at business places during Corona times.

But of late, many street hawkers have started using amplified speakers for their sales and services on roads one after the other and also simultaneously (like menace during election time and sale of lottery tickets in cabs and autos about a couple of years back) which distracts and disturbs students attending to online classes, work from home employees, especially at the time of meetings, which demands utmost concentration.

Besides, the loud speakers also trouble the toddlers, senior citizens and patients. Many a time we even missed important warnings and messages conveyed by law-enforcing agencies like Police and City Corporation. Sometimes the irritating sound even impairs hearing of vehicle horns leading to accidents.

I request the authorities to curb such illegal noise pollution at the earliest and help the hapless general public and motorists.

—Dr. M. Shyam Prasad
Krishnamurthypuram
24.8.2021

Kukkarahalli Lake to be shut for public after 6.30 pm

Mysuru, Aug.28- In the wake of gang rape of a girl student at the foot of Chamundi Hill recently, the University of Mysore (UoM) has ordered closure of Kukkarahalli Lake premises for public after 6.30 pm on all days.

In a circular issued on Friday, the UoM Registrar said that the security wing has been directed to deploy more security staff in the lake premises for carrying out regular rounds from 6 pm to 9 pm. The ban order for closure of the lake to students and the public after 6.30 pm has been issued following an oral instruction from the Police Department, considering the safety and security of students and citizens.

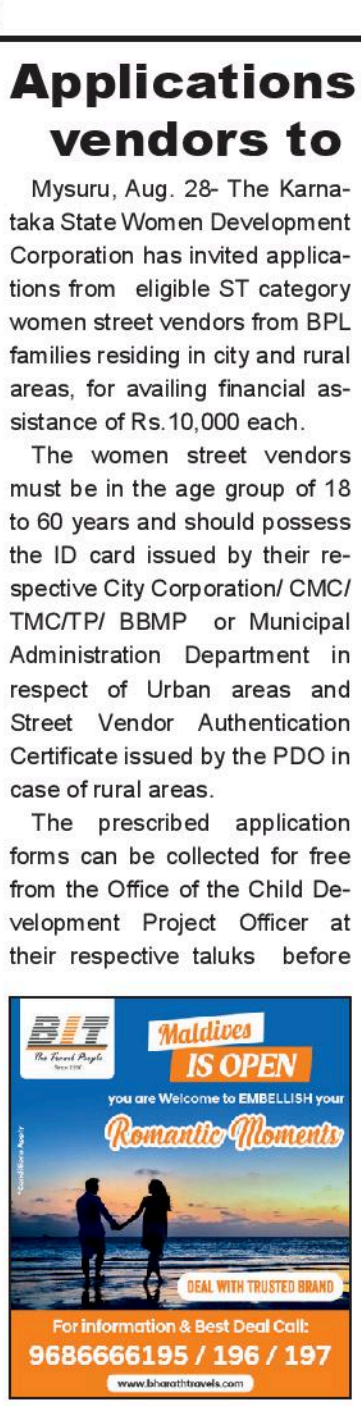
Applications invited from women street vendors to avail financial assistance

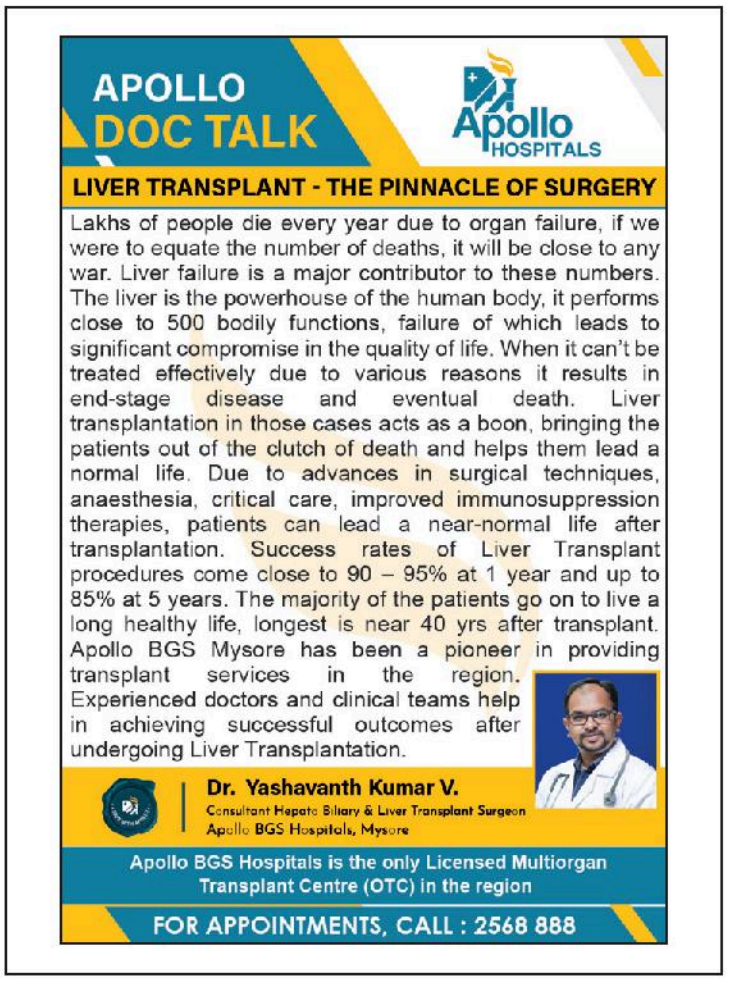
Mysuru, Aug. 28- The Karnataka State Women Development Corporation has invited applications from eligible ST category women street vendors from BPL families residing in city and rural areas, for availing financial assistance of Rs.10,000 each.

The women street vendors must be in the age group of 18 to 60 years and should possess the ID card issued by their respective City Corporation/ CMC/ TMC/TP/ BBMP or Municipal Administration Department in respect of Urban areas and Street Vendor Authentication Certificate issued by the PDO in case of rural areas.

The prescribed application forms can be collected for free from the Office of the Child Development Project Officer at their respective taluks before Aug. 30 and the same should be submitted along with all required documents by Sept. 9.

The eligible street vendors may contact the following phone numbers: **Mysuru City Office:** 0821-2491962; **Mysuru Rural:** 0821-2567940; **T. Narasipur:** 08227-261267; **Biligere:** 08221-297171; **Nanjangud:** 08221-226168; **Hunsur:** 08222-252254; **H.D. Kote:** 08228-255320; **K.R. Nagar:** 08223-262714.

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SPOTLIGHT

An Interview with

Shri Kollegal V. Raghavendra, Executive Director

Q.1: Congratulations on the turnaround and posting of net profit for the second consecutive quarter after 8 straight quarter's loss? Plan / Strategy adopted for achieving this profit?

Ans: Thank you, this turnaround was possible through the following strategies:

1. Targeted focus on Asset Side: Addressing asset quality concerns and containing NPA.
2. Special Focus on RAM Segment.
3. Leveraging Technology through defined short-term and long-term initiatives.
4. Better Risk Management practices.
5. Organisational restructuring and better Human Resource Management.

Bank approach towards low-cost deposits, retail segment and good corporate loans helped in achieving this, most importantly dedication of staff during this pandemic make this turnaround possible.

Q.2: How could you improve your recoveries in spite of COVID-19 challenges?

Ans: Our focused approach towards monitoring of accounts, recovery and arrest of slippages made it possible.

• Dedicated War Room a HO: Focusing on monitoring of NPA/ TWO (Technically Written Off) accounts and to curtail fresh slippage and improve recovery.

• Dedicated Stress asset department at head office which is monitoring the big stress accounts very closely.

• We are observing every working Saturday as Recovery Day to make focused efforts for recovery in bad assets.

• Created task force at zonaloffices which are in touch with customers directly.

Q.3: There were so many restrictions on movement of people during the pandemic? Were you able to deliver your services to the people during this tough time?

Ans: The mission of the bank is to provide excellent service to our customers. Even during pandemic we have provided uninterrupted service to our customers at branches, through various digital products, Doorstep Banking etc.

Q.4: Due to the restrictions on the movement, people tend towards alternate channels (online). Do you observe any raise in transactions in IT Channel?

Ans: Yes, Digital transactions (Online, Mobile and UPI) increased by 42% YoY in FY 20-21 and amount wise 41% YoY in FY 20-21.

• To enhance the digital experience our bank shortly rolling out 'OMNICHANNEL' which is one-stop solution for all the digital products.

Q.5 Way forward? What's your plan of action for remaining Financial Year?

Ans: Continuing our turnaround strategy this year too, our focus will be on retail side, recovery, IT and HR enhancement.

Q.6: P&SB predominately north India based bank based at New Delhi? What's your plan of action for South India?

Ans: The focus of bank is on building strong network across all over India. Bank is planning to open branches at a few selected district headquarters of India including South India.

Q.7: Government of India and RBI has taken several steps to support almost all sectors? How the bank has implemented government Schemes?

Ans: Post outbreak of COVID-19, Bank has introduced the following products: a) PSB Guara-nteed Emergency Credit line (PSB-GECL) for business enterprises / MSMEs". b) PM street vendor's Atma Nirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi)" scheme. c) PSB Credit Guarantee Scheme for Subordinate Debt (PSB-CGSSD).

Bank has extended the benefits of RBI's Regulatory Package for Covid-19 related stress by providing moratorium benefit from 01.03.2020 to 31.08.2020 to all eligible customers.

Bank has introduced various schemes to support the Government vision such as PM Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises Scheme, PM KUSUM PM SVANidhi, "PSB KRISHI RAKSHAK RIN", "PSB Scheme for Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development (PSB-AHID)" and PSB KAVACH. etc.

Q.8: What's your view on Economic growth in FY21-22 and Banking Sector performance in FY21-22?

Ans: Second wave had affected the economic activity of many sectors with the ease of restrictions all over the country, economic activity is becoming normal with expected V shape recovery. With the measures initiated by the Government of India and RBI and with the rollout of vaccination programme economy is poised for a rebound to grow at around 10-12% in FY21-22.

With the government guarantee schemes and recovery in the economy, we expect credit growth of the banking industry at around 10-12% and our bank credit growth around at that level only.

Q.9:How are you connected to the city of Mysore?

Ans: I am connected to mysuru in a special way. I have graduated from St. Philomena's College and was also a law student at Vidyavardhaka Law College. My initial posting as a Banker started from Bank of India, Mysuru.

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NEWS BRIEFS

50 percent rebate on sale of books

As part of 106th birth anniversary of Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji, the city's JSS Mahavidyapeetha is offering a 50 percent discount on sale of all publications of JSS Granthamaale, for one month from Aug. 29 to Sept. 30. The discount is available at JSS Book House located in JSS Mahavidyapeetha premises, Suttur Mutt at the foot of Chamundi Hill in the city and Suttur Mutt at Suttur in Nanjangud taluk. For details, call Mob: 97312-54484.

Online interaction

The Social Welfare Department, in association with SC/ST Welfare Department, will be conducting an online interaction with SC/ST students on different schemes of the Government for academic development, on Sept. 19. Those interested in taking part should register online, through the link application http:// 164.100.133.163/samvada/esamvadaRegistration.aspx. SC/ST students in the age group of 18 to 32 years and currently pursuing education, can register before Sept. 9, according to a press release.

Workshop

Karnataka Sahitya Academy will conduct a three-day State-level Critical Review Workshop in October, for which it has invited applications. Interested persons who are over 20 years of age can apply before Sept. 15 for participation. Applications can be submitted online through website: http://karnatakasahithyaacademy.org

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Today	:	118.64	feet
Yesterday	:	119.04	feet
Inflow	:	4,058	cusecs
Outflow	:	9,569	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Yesterday	:	2,281.84	feet
Inflow	:	2,774	cusecs
Outflow	:	6,750	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,857.36	feet
Inflow	:	1,378	cusecs
Outflow	:	1,616	cusecs

Central team visits KRS Dam

Srirangapatna, Aug.28 (MR& DM)- Even as the debate over the safety and stability of KRS Dam in the taluk has continued in the backdrop of illegal stone quarrying and mining, a 6-member Central team of the Union Jal Shakti Ministry visited the Dam site on Friday and carried out an inspection.

As per the directions of Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, the team headed by the Union Ministry's Additional Secretary Debashis Mukherjee arrived at the Dam site yesterday morning and held a meeting with officials of the State Irrigation Department at Royal Orchid Brindavan Hotel located near the Dam.

The other members of the Central team were Gulshan Raj, Pramod Narayan, Yogesh Nanasaheb Bhaishi, C. Rajagopal Singh and S.S. Bakshi.

During the two-hour meeting, the team gathered inputs on the technical aspects of Dam's structure and collected all information sought by the Union Minister and the Ministry.

After the meeting, the Central team inspected the Dam for about an hour and collected vital data from the Dam officials.

Irrigation Department sources said that the Central team had visited the KRS Dam to collect information about the start of works concerning the first phase of Dam reinforcement.

The team also gathered information on whether the stability of the Dam will increase if the existing sluice gates are replaced with modern ones. After inspection, the Central team directed officials to get prepared for the launch of reinforcement works, the sources said.

Pointing out that officials have told the team that sluice gates cannot be replaced right now as the reservoir is full to the brim, the sources clarified that there were no talks on illegal quarrying or the Dam safety.

Prior to the inspection of the Dam, the Central team offered puja to the Statue of Goddess Cauvery.

Although the KRS officials maintained that the Central team had visited the Dam for learning about the pros and cons of replacing sluice gates, other sources said that the Central team had in fact come to make an assessment of the impact of alleged illegal quarrying going on in the vicinity of the Dam.

The team also sought inputs on whether illegal quarrying has continued, the extent of the damage caused by quarry blasts and whether the Dam stability is threatened by such blasts.

The team is also said to have gathered inputs on reports that the Dam has developed minor cracks due to the impact of blasts carried out by quarrying units that are functioning in the vicinity of the reservoir.

Meanwhile, it is learnt that the Central team's visit was a result of Mandya MP

Sumalatha Ambarish's recent representation to the Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat alleging that KRS Dam's safety and stability is threatened by illegal quarrying in the region.

K.R. MLA Ramdas holds meeting with Police

MLA S.A. Ramdas holding a meeting with Police Officers of all Police Stations coming under Krishnaraja Constituency at his office here on Thursday.

Mysuru, Aug. 28 (MK&DM)- With the recent dacoity and murder at a jewellery shop in Vidyaranyapuram and gang rape of an MBA student at Chamundi foothill shocking the city, K.R. MLA S.A. Ramdas held a meeting with Police officers of all Police Stations coming under K.R. Constituency, at his office here on Thursday.

Pointing out that in a similar meeting held on June 7, he had asked the Police to install CCTV cameras at all vantage and strategic points on important roads and junctions in the Constituency and to prepare a list of habitual offenders, Ramdas said that the Police acted on his advice and as such the crime rate has drastically come down.

However, the recent jewellery shop loot and gang rape are shocking incidents and as such the Police must take more tighter security measures to ensure that such crimes do not recur.

Ramdas also directed the Police to ensure safe roads, proper street lighting and installation of more CCTV cameras in the Constituency in the next 60 days.

Announcing that he would send a draft report by Sept.12 on the additional measures taken to prevent crimes, he said that the Police must ensure a sense of safety and security among citizens by taking necessary steps in this regard.

Akshara Dasoha workers seek release of honorarium

Mysuru, Aug.28 (DM)- Seeking timely release of monthly honorarium and a hike of the same, Akshara Dasoha workers under the banner of AIUTUC, staged a demonstration in front of the ZP office here on Thursday as part of a Statewide protest.

Contending that they are engaged in class room cleaning works and garden maintenance in School premises and activities related to distribution of food and milk to children, despite the closure of Schools on account of COVID-19 pandemic, the protestors urged the Government to release their honorarium for the current year at the earliest and thus come to their rescue.

Association office-bearers Harish, Muddukrishna, Raju, Geethamma and others took part in the demonstration.

Vidyaranyapuram Jewellery Shop Dacoity Case

From Mysuru to Maharashtra, West Bengal, Rajasthan, J&K

Police chase and nab six accused across eight States; two more on the run

Karnataka State Director General and Inspector General of Police Praveen Sood addressing a press conference along with Home Minister Araga Jnanendra in city yesterday.

Mysuru, Aug. 28 (SBD&BCT)- The city Police have arrested six persons, including two masterminds, for looting a jewellery shop at Vidyaranyapuram — the masterminds of which are from Mysuru and Bengaluru.

Though sources had confirmed to *Star of Mysore* yesterday that three persons were arrested, it was later officially confirmed by State Director General and Inspector General of Police Praveen Sood that six have been arrested. The DG&IGP addressed a press conference along with Home Minister Araga Jnanendra yesterday and divulged the details.

The gang had robbed Amruth Gold and Silver Palace in Vidyaranyapuram on the evening of Aug. 23 and had shot dead 24-year-old bystander Chandru of Dadadahalli while escaping. They had entered the shop on the pretext of purchasing gold chains. The four robbers, who entered the store one after the other, closed the shutters and stole the gold after holding the shop owner Dharmendra at gunpoint.

The State Government that was under pressure to crack the case — of this magnitude that occurred for the first time in Mysuru — heaved a sigh of relief and has announced a cash reward of Rs. 5 lakh to the team that arrested the dacoits.

Though the dacoits had fled to different parts of the country soon after the heist, they were hunted down with the help of a technical team that had kept a close watch on their movements. A 7.65 mm country-made pistol was used in the robbery and to kill Chandru. The Police have recovered some of the ornaments and more are in the process of recovery.

Two more on the run

While six have been arrested, two more are on the run, Sood said. "Multiple teams worked on various leads and spread their dragnet which took them across eight States and we were able to take six persons into custody. We will arrest the absconding persons also soon. It is a straightforward case of dacoity committed to loot the valuables and had the involvement of one person from Mysuru and his accomplice from Kolar," he said.

"The arrests were made in Maharashtra, West Bengal, Rajasthan and Jammu and Kashmir. Two persons, who had planned the robbery, are from Mysuru and Bengaluru and they had spent time in prison. The man from Mysuru, who planned the robbery, was running a jewellery shop himself and had worked earlier in a store. He had to close his shop due to losses and he joined hands with the person from Bengaluru (Kolar) and they got a gang from outside to loot the Vidyaranyapuram shop," the DGP said.

Well-planned operation

"It was meticulously planned and they escaped to different parts of the country. The local masterminds avoided looting the shop themselves as it would raise suspicion and instead, they contacted gangsters from North India to execute the crime. After the loot, the dacoits fled to different States to evade detection or raise suspicion. They were careful not to stay together at one place and took the quickest mode of transport to reach different destinations," the DGP noted.

"We cannot disclose the names of the accused and all of them are in transit and they are being brought to Mysuru after completing procedures. Also, there are certain limitations due to the prevailing High Court and Supreme Court orders on cases under investigations and as such, details cannot be disclosed," he added.

Commissioner praised

Both the Home Minister and the DG&IGP had a word of praise for City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta. "Soon after the heist, five teams were formed by the Commissioner and the sole focus was to arrest the dacoits. Along with the physical chase team, technical and back-end teams functioned to trace the call records. Teams were also focussed on getting the CCTV footage from where it was clear that these persons were behind the robbery," Praveen Sood said.

Leaders greet Ministers

Home Minister Araga Jnanendra and Mines & Geology, Women & Child Development, Disabled and Senior Citizens Empowerment Minister Halappa Achar, who visited BJP Office in Mysuru city yesterday, being greeted by MLA L. Nagendra, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, MUDA Member K. Madesh and others with bouquet.

Babu's Banter

By M.V. Nagendra Babu

Weekend curfew continues in Mysuru

Mysuru, Aug.28- There is no immediate relief for Mysureans as the weekend curfew in the city and district will continue today (Aug.28) and tomorrow (Aug.29), due to COVID-19 pandemic situation.

The 56-hour weekend curfew, which came into effect from 9 pm on Friday night, will continue till 5 am on Monday (Aug.30) as there is no modification in the curbs despite District Minister S.T. Somashekar's statement on Friday that he would urge Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai to lift the weekend curfew as the pandemic was in control in Mysuru and Chamarajanagar districts. This weekend curfew is the fourth one this month.

With weekend curfew in place, only shops selling essential items and goods and other essential service providers are given permission to open from 5 am till 2 pm today and tomorrow. However, milk booths are allowed to open till 8 pm and Hotels can undertake only parcel services.

Though vehicle movement is allowed, there are curbs on unnecessary travel and public movement.

Obituary

Alijanaba Saheba

Mysuru, Aug. 28- Alijanaba Saheba (70), wife of late Alijanab Alhaj Abdul, passed away at her residence in HUDCO Layout, Bannimantap here yesterday.

She is survived by seven sons including Afsar Mysuri, Founder & Reporter, A2Z Urdu News, Mysuru, two daughters and a host of relatives.

Namaz-e-Janaza was held yesterday at Tipu Masjid in Bannimantap and burial took place at Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

Prof. T.C. Muneer Pasha

Prof. T.C. Muneer Pasha (72), retd. Professor of Mechanical Engineering Department at NIE, Mysuru and a resident of Rajivnagar, passed away yesterday. Prof. Muneer Pasha had also served as the Secretary of Sultan Shahid Educational Trust and Maulana Azad Educational Institution.

He leaves behind his wife Dr. Naseema Aktar, a son, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites will be performed at Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle today (Aug. 28) at 5 pm.

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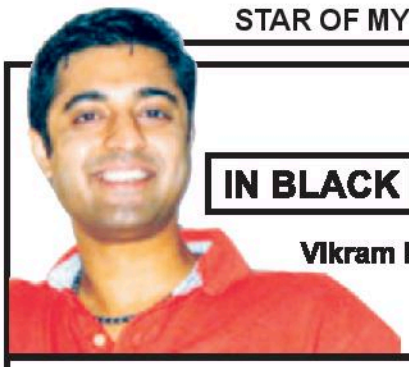

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Vikram Muthanna

Policing Limitations

This week has been a tumultuous one for a docile city like ours. Within a week we witnessed two terrible crimes — an armed robbery which left an innocent shopper dead and the gang rape of a young woman at the foot of Chamundi Hill.

Most Mysureans were asking, "How could this happen in our city?" Well, Mysuru is changing, and it's time the Government gave Mysuru the attention it deserves, especially in terms of urban infrastructure and security.

While political parties are busy using these two incidents as political fodder, the Police have cracked the armed robbery case in just 4 days! It's impressive Police work considering it was a multi-State operation. The Police have arrested six people from 8 States including West Bengal, Jammu, Maharashtra and Rajasthan.

Even in the gang rape case, the Police have reportedly zeroed in on the culprits. This proves that when the Police are given the freedom to work without political interference they will do their duty.

In recent times, the Indian Police service has been mocked as Indian 'Political' service, as they have become willing participants in political machinations. Just 2 days ago, the Supreme Court Bench led by Chief Justice N.V. Ramana observed that "Police Officers who want to be in the good books of the ruling party misuse power and harass political opponents."

For decades now the Police service has been at the service of politicians rather than the people. The reasons are three: Money, post-retirement political career and caste politics.

Corruption is part of any society, but when it infiltrates the realm of 'law-keeping' then it affects the very fabric of civil society. In Karnataka, it has taken a disturbing turn, as Justice R. Devdas of Karnataka High Court on March 15 this year observed: "Every now and then the citizens of this State are given to understand that 'plum' postings are assigned for monetary considerations"!

Three decades ago, local MLAs would fight to get the best Police Inspector to their Constituency so their Constituency would be crime-free and a safe area to live in and do business. But today there are MLAs who, instead of fighting with the Government to get the best Police Inspectors to their Constituency, negotiate to get the Inspector who can pay most for the post. Naturally, when such a Policeman comes to your area he is in "investment recovery" mode rather than "justice delivery" mode.

Then there is the promise of a post-retirement political career. In fact, some Police Officers resign at the peak of their career to join politics. In Karnataka, Police Officers who entered politics include former DGP Shankar Bidari, former Bangalore Police Commissioner H.T. Sangliana, former Minister late D.T. Jayakumar (he was Sub-Inspector

in Nanjangud), former Inspector B.C. Patil (now Minister), former DGP L. Revannasiddaiah, former IPS Officer K.C. Ramamurthy (now Rajya Sabha MP), retired ACP Abdul Azeem of Bengaluru… the list goes on. So will an Officer's allegiance lie in delivering justice or securing his political career?

Caste also plays a part in how justice is delivered. Today most political parties depend on their own set of vote banks which is based around caste. This means when they come to power they depute Police Officers who belong to their caste or believes in that party's ideology in key positions either to fix the Opposition party workers or to favour their own party workers.

That said there are exceptional Police Officers. In recent times, Mysuru has had quite a few but as Mysuru grows the city will need a bigger Police force, strong IPS Officers and concerned MLAs.

Safety and Privacy

Whenever there is an incident or rape, our leaders will say something crude and unempathetic like our Home Minister, who said, "It is a deserted place, they should not have gone, but we can't stop anyone from going, they went."

Indeed one must be very aware where they go so they don't put themselves in harm's way, but can the Minister ask why Police does not patrol that area regularly and why CESC does not turn on the street lights there?

In fact, it was common for couples to be harassed and blackmailed by thugs on Chamundi Hill and even at the foothill, it was so bad that couples formed groups and went up the hill to protect each other. Then the Police started regular patrol up the hill and around it; soon the thug menace stopped. But now the lack of patrolling and street lights has emboldened miscreants again.

Meanwhile, we all have to ask ourselves, what drives young Indian lovers to secluded places? Why do these youngsters put themselves in harms way? Simple, it is lack of privacy and the hypocrisy of our society.

Most Indian men have no qualms visiting Bangkok for a sex-holiday, of course there are exceptions, but when they see a College couple holding hands they judge them harshly, especially the girl and then call the Cops to chase them away, sadly Cops oblige.

So what does a young couple do? They search for dark corners away from prying eyes, risking their safety for a few stolen kisses and a lover's romantic touch, which by the way comes naturally as their hormones are raging.

That said, of course our public parks don't have to turn into spaces of obscene acts but let the young couples feel safe enough to hold hands and steal a few kisses. Surely, a land that built a grand temple for sex, a people that gave the world *kamasutra,* a nation that produces the most number of romantic movies in some 20 languages can give young lovers a little space... And if they go overboard, you can always scream "get a room."

Finally, it all comes down to how men behave and that is driven by punishment. For that laws have to be executed. Just banning walking around Chamundi Hill or Kukkarahalli Lake after 6 pm is not the way. Instead, turn the street lights on and increase patrolling, more importantly punish perpetrators quickly and make an example of them, else Mysureans too will hope for the kind of justice delivered by the Telangana Police who shot dead four rapists.

Our city is growing and it will do so rapidly as the 10-lane Highway opens, as the airport gets more

flights, as more trains come in, with it bringing industries and people from all over the country… and with that comes complications of Policing. We already got a sample of it this week with the armed robbery case where the culprits came from six different States and in the gang rape case where the Police have zeroed in on men from Tamil Nadu.

For a very long time, most of us in Mysuru have been psychologically feeling safe assuming we are living in a blissful city, a pensioner's paradise. Now that's all set to change and our Police force too has to get bigger, led by efficient IPS Officers and more importantly managed buy junior officers who are not here on "paid posting." Else Mysuru known so far as a cultural city will end up being an uncouth, uncultured and unlivable city.

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Five arrested in Tamil Nadu

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Odd jobs at APMC

Not disclosing their age and identities due to Supreme Court guidelines on the cases that are under investigation, DG&IGP Praveen Sood said, "All the accused hailed from Tamil Nadu and used to come to Mysuru frequently to do odd jobs at APMC Bandipalya and other areas as they specialise in loading and unloading. After work they used to get drunk and indulge in crime."

"Our priority is to get stringent punishment to the criminals and if necessary we will appoint a Special Public Prosecutor in a Fast Track Court to try the accused. All the due process including evidence and samples from the crime scene, lab tests, DNA samples and the rest have been diligently procured and we have a strong case," Sood added.

Hoping for support

On the rape survivor, the DG&IGP said that the Police are in constant touch with her. "Though no statement has come forward from her, we are hopeful that she will help us get the criminals punished," he said. Sources told *Star of Mysore* that the victim has been discharged from the hospital against medical advice.

"The girl was under a state of shock. Her parents did not allow the Police to record her statements and got her discharged forcefully against doctors' advice. She was taken to Bengaluru and then shifted to Maharashtra in a helicopter," sources added.

The DGP praised the efforts of ADGP (Law and Order) C.H. Pratap Reddy, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta, IGP Southern Range Praveen Madhukar Pawar, DCPs Pradeep Gunti and Geetha Prasanna and SP R. Chetan in cracking this challenging case.

Bus ticket took Police to hideout in TN

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When they started videotaping the student on their mobile phones, her friend objected to this and the men got violent. The men then sexually assaulted the young woman and roughed up her friend and hit his head with a stone, rendering him unconscious.

The men continued to video-shoot the student even as she was being raped. The men then threatened that if either the student or her friend filed a Police complaint, they would release the video online. After the crime, the accused reached Chamarajanagar and went to Tirupur where they actually belonged to.

The City Police Commissioner had formed a core crack team headed by one ACP and five Inspectors who had past experience in cracking such cases. Of them, one is Nanjangud Dy.SP, one Circle Inspector each from Chamarajanagar and K.R. Pet and two Circle Inspectors from Kodagu. A case under sections 376D (gang rape) and 397 (dacoity) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) had been registered.

Over 10,000 students write CET in city

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The 19 centres in the city included JSS Women's College, Saraswathipuram, Marimallapa's PU College on Seetha Vilas Road, Teresian College, Government PU College, People's Park, Nazarbad, Maharani's PU College, N.S. Road, SBRR Mahajana PU College, Jayalakshmipuram, D. Banumaiah PU College and Sarada Vilas PU College, among others.

In the State, nearly 2.02 lakh students have registered for the exam, which is taking place at 530 centres spread over all the 34 educational districts.

All the centres in the city were sanitised ahead of the exam and all the examinees were required to strictly adhere to COVID-19 appropriate behaviour such as proper wearing of face mask and maintenance of physical distancing. Only 12 students were allowed to write the exam in a room.

Mysuru DDPUE D.K. Srinivasmurthy and other Departmental staff visited some of the exam centres.

Tight Police security was provided around all the exam centres. The City Police have enforced prohibitory orders in 200 mt. radius of all the centres from 6 am to 6 pm on both the days for ensuring smooth conduct of the exam and no unauthorised person is allowed to move around or carry objectionable articles in the vicinity of the centres. Also, all photocopy shops in the vicinity of exam centres have been asked to shut down today and tomorrow.

With no II PU exam conducted this year (2020-21) due to COVID crisis and the PU Department having passed all the registered PU students and declared results based on their performance in 10th standard, I PU and II PU internal marks, the State Government has said that the admission to professional courses this year will be based purely on the performance of students in CET-2021.

Photo exhibition

Dr. Murugan

Mysuru, Aug. 28- Union Minister of State for Information of Broadcasting Dr. L. Murugan will inaugurate a Photo Exhibition on 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' organised by Regional Outreach Bureau (ROB), Karnataka, at Akashvani premises in city tomorrow (Aug. 29) at 2 pm.

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Do you have Varicose Veins?

Don't fret, it can be treated sans surgery with latest microwave ablation treatment

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Lower limb varicose veins is one of the commonest vascular disorder affecting about 5 percent of the general population. While some may have painless and asymptomatic life with this condition many suffer from severe pain and sometimes these will rupture leading to ulcers on the skin. If left untreated, the condition has the potential to cause pain, swelling, aching sensation, pigmentation and in later stages venous ulcers.

What actually is varicose vein and what causes the condition?

Superficial veins carry impure blood to heart. Varicose veins are abnormal dilated superficial veins in the leg. Varicosity happens when the valves in these veins become weakened or damaged. There are a number of reasons that can increase the likelihood of developing varicose veins. The common causes of varicose veins are hereditary in nature, obesity, pregnancy, older age and standing for long period of times. It is more common in female population.

Symptoms

The common symptoms are leg pain, swelling, pigmentation, heaviness in leg, muscle cramps and venous ulcers in later stage.

Most of the patients develop swelling in legs associated with skin pigmentation and pain in legs while walking which is suggestive of chronic venous insufficiency.

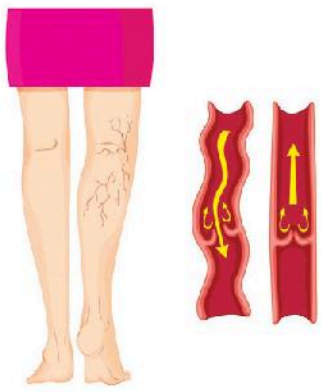
Treatments

The common belief that varicose vein is not treatable is a myth. Medical fraternity has made significant progress in treating the condition. In fact, there are many treatment modalities that are being used in India. The treatment prescribed depends on the intensity and the nature of the condition that the patient is suffering from. The overall health of the patient is also taken into consideration before suggesting the treatment.

The various treatment modalities available for treating varicose veins are radio frequency ablation, endovenous laser therapy, mechanochemical endovenous ablation, foam sclero therapy and glue embolization.

One of the latest treatment modalities that is used to treat lower limb varicose veins is microwave ablation (MWA). Microwave ablation is the latest non-surgical treatment option available for treating varicose veins. It is safe, effective and a preferred procedure for treating varicose veins with higher occlusion rates (less chances of recurrence) and without serious complications.

The procedure is done under local anaesthesia. A flexible tube (catheter) is introduced into the dilated veins which heats the walls of the veins and make them to collapse. The



tortuous and dilated veins are further treated with foam sclero therapy and glue embolization, thus delivering combined and effective therapy (Microwave ablation + foam sclero therapy + glue embolization) for varicose veins.

The advantage of this procedure is that there are no scar marks on legs, no need for spinal / general anaesthesia. It has good patient compliance, less failure rates and patient can resume his/her day to day activities early.

We at Narayana Multispeciality Hospital offer this novel non-surgical microwave ablation technique for treating varicose veins. We are one of the centres in this region offering this treatment. Many patients suffering from this disease are treated on day care basis and discharged from the hospital few hours after the procedure.

While there are advanced treatment modalities to treat the condition, however as the saying goes "prevention is better than cure." A few practices that can prevent the risk of developing varicose veins are avoid standing for long time, reduce weight, wear compression stockings, elevate the legs while sleeping and consult a doctor when symptomatic▪

Blood Donation Camp to mark former Minister's daughter's wedding on Aug.31

C.H. Vijayashankar

Mysuru, Aug. 28- On the occasion of former Minister C.H. Vijayashankar's daughter's marriage, a blood donation camp will be conducted by Bharatiya Samskruthika Vikasa Vedike in association with various private organisations in the city on Aug.31, said Vedike Patron Dr. S. Venkatesh.

Addressing a press meet at Pathrakarthara Bhavan here on Wednesday he said, Vijayashankar's second daughter Kanaka will tie the knot with Dr. Vinay on Aug.31 and Sept.1 at a ceremony to be held at Rajendra Kalamandira in city.

Along with the marriage celebration, Vijayashankar wanted to conduct a service activity for the good of the people. Hence, a blood donation camp is organised on that day, said Venkatesh.

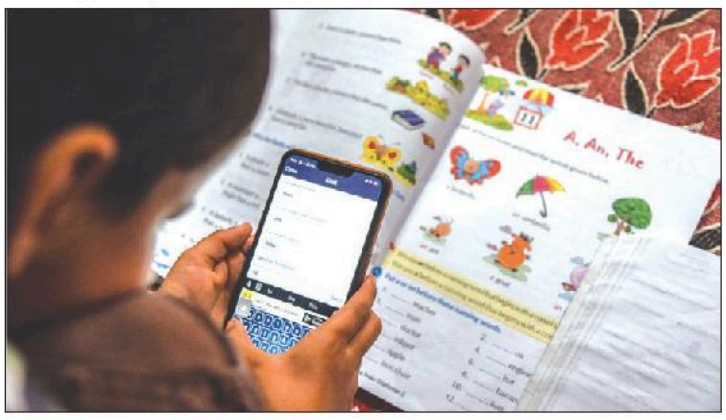
He further added that the blood donation camp will take place in the same venue (Rajendra Kalamandira) from 5 pm to 9 pm.

Lion Nagaraj V. Bairy will launch the blood donation camp organised in association with Lions Club of Bangalore Sandalwood Celebrities, Lions Blood Centre Jeevadhara, Shree Talakaveri Women's Training Centre and Bhoomika Bhavaikya Balaga, he added.

Another Vedike Patron Dr. Nalini Thammaiah, Lions Club of Gold's Suresh, Founder President of Vedike Thagadur Gowrishankar and City President Krishna were present at the press meet.

Online classes?

Rise in squint eye, myopia among children



Near-work refers to activities such as reading and writing with the distance between the object of focus (books, for instance) and eyes being less than 33 centimetres. Near-work involves computers, laptops, mobile phones and tablets, taken up without frequent breaks and increased screen time for academic or other purposes.

Bengaluru, Aug. 28 (UNI)- Increased screen time during COVID-19 pandemic has led to an alarming rise in squint eye cases and myopia (nearsightedness) progression among children. There has been five times year-on-year increase in the number of acute onset comitant esotropia in the last two years of the pandemic.

The onset and progression of myopia and squint eyes among school children has seen a two-fold increase, said data from Dr. Agarwals Eye Hospital. Dr. Rakesh Seenappa, Consultant Ophthalmologist of the hospital in Bengaluru, has said that they have seen almost doubling of cases of myopia among children of 8-16 years of age when compared to pre-pandemic times.

There is also a significant rise in squint eye cases due to excessive use of digital screens for near-work activities like online classes, watching videos or playing video games on small screens. Long-term use of digital screens can cause dryness of eyes, nearsightedness, squint and allergies. It promotes faster tear evaporation which leads to dryness in eyes, making patients rub them constantly. This causes changes in the corneal curvature and in a few months an increase in glass power, he explained.

High myopia at early age

Dryness can also trigger eye allergies, which makes children rub their eyes even more. This is a downward spiral that leads to a myopic shift in the eyes as the child grows, leading to high myopia at an early age, he added.

"Over the last one year, we have seen a lot of school children and college teens coming to us with complaints of burning sensation in the eyes, blurring of vision and sometimes double vision and headaches. We have also found a few patients as young as six years suffering from myopia. This is mainly due to online classes. Children who are in front of a bright screen for more than four hours per day are most at risk of myopia and squint eye, especially those who don't take frequent breaks. Risk factors are increased duration of screen time, playing video games on small screens and parents having myopia," Dr. Rakesh noted.

Myopia as a condition, though not reversible, is curable with prescription glasses. Squint is curable with glasses as well as through surgery. Sometimes it can be reversed through appropriate exercises and prescription glasses.

To prevent the onset of eye conditions among children, one needs to limit their screen exposure time, encourage them to do more outdoor activities, take them for regular screening and discourage them from rubbing eyes frequently.

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This visual stress could lead to squinting and has an accelerating effect on myopia progression. Myopia is an emerging public health problem in both urban and rural school-going children in India, requiring urgent efforts.

KRS backwaters dotted with colourful boats

National-Level Multi-Class Youth Sailing Championship flagged off

A breath-taking view of sailing boats at KRS backwaters in Srirangapatna taluk of Mandya district this morning. [Pic. by Vinay Karekura]

Mysuru, Aug. 28 (Vinay Karekura & BCT)- As the early-morning sun soaked Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam, the stillness of the water is now dotted with rhythmic paddling of oars where young rowers are testing their skills at the National-Level Multi-Class Youth Sailing Championship, a ranking event for boys and girls. Twelve clubs from across India and around 150 sailors are participating.

The event is jointly organised by Madras Engineers Group (MEG) of the Indian Army and General Thimayya National Academy of Adventure (GETHNAA) under the aegis of Yachting Association of Karnataka and Yachting Association of India. This is the first sailing championship of national magnitude organised by Indian Army at KRS backwaters and the event will continue till Aug 30.

The Dam, located in Mandya District, is all set to figure prominently in the Indian sailing map as the first sailing event (National Regatta Championship) was organised here by Royal Mysore Sailing Club in association with Karnataka State Sailing Association from Aug. 19 to 23 and now this National Championship by MEG and GETHNAA.

The MEG till now used to conduct such sailing events at Ulsoor Lake in Bengaluru and it is for the first time they have chosen KRS backwaters. Water sport is an integral part of MEG, also known as Madras Sappers that has its own Madras Sappers Sailing Club (now renamed as 'Trishna Yacht Club').

Minister K.C. Narayanagowda inaugurated the National-Level Multi-Class Youth Sailing Championship at KRS last evening in the presence of Brigadier T.P.S. Wadhwa, Major General M.S. Pillai, SM (Retired), Additional Chief Secretary of Sports Department Shalini Rajneesh, MLA C.S. Puttaraju, Mandya DC C. Aswathi, ZP CEO Diya Prabhu, AC Dr. Shivananda Murthy, Pandavapura Tahsildar Pramod Patel and others.

Minister for Youth Empowerment and Sports K.C. Narayanagowda, who is also the Minister in-charge of Mandya District, was the chief guest at the inauguration. Brigadier T.P.S. Wadhwa, Commandant, MEG, Major General M.S. Pillai, SM (Retired), Vice-President of the Yachting Association of India and others were present.

In his address, Minister Narayanagowda said youths from the State who were trained in sailing were also taking part in the event and expressed hope that such events are organised regularly in the backwaters. "I am happy that the event with such a magnitude is being held in Mandya. In May next year, Khelo India event will be organised in Mandya where over 7,000 sportspersons from all over India will participate," he said.

Brigadier T.P.S. Wadhwa said, "We have a proud tradition in sports. We have nurtured 14 Olympians so far. I am hopeful this event will become a regular schedule in the YAI calendar."

Additional Chief Secretary, Sports Department, Shalini Rajneesh wished that the event would not be limited to this particular championship. Instead, it must pave way to identify more and more young talents so that they can win laurels for the country in international events.

The event was not open for general public keeping in mind COVID safety measures and safety of sailors.

Organisers praise beauty, potential of backwaters

Impressed by the beauty of KRS Dam and the available facilities, Maj. Gen. M.S. Pillai, who is the Vice-President of Yachting Association of India, told reporters yesterday that the backwaters were an ideal place for sailing. "We can have international events here. I am surprised that the potential of the venue has not been tapped until now. The best of the sportspersons will be picked up from here for the Asian Games 2022 which will be held in Hangzhou in China," he said.

"In the next few years, this venue can be one of the places in India that can host national and international sailing championships," he said. Sailing is not a rich man's sport and this notion is wrong. "Anyone who is interested can take up sailing. Once KRS becomes a popular sailing destination, many local youths can take up this sport and it will help us train good sailors who can go on to win international medals," he said.

The sailing competitions are being held in different classes including 29er Class; Laser Radial Class; Laser 4.7 Class; RS: One class; Optimist main fleet; and Optimist green fleet.

Over 75 sail boats are participating in the event. Youngsters from Hyderabad and Chennai have landed at the KRS backwaters and are showing their sailing skills. One of the youngest participants is 11-year-old P. Manideep who won the silver medal at YAI National Sailing championship 2021, a week-long event held at Hyderabad on Aug. 13.

The Trishna Yacht Club (earlier Madras Sappers Sailing Club) was established in Ulsoor Lake in 1977. It was called 'Trishna Yacht Club' in late eighties after the "Trishna" yacht circumnavigated the globe under the command of Lt. Gen. K.S. Rao PVSM, SC, SM (Retd), an Arjuna Awardee.

The club has brought many laurels to the nation in the sport including the participation of Sub Vishnu Saravanan of Madras Sappers in the recently concluded Tokyo Olympics 2020.

The organisers are planning to make it an annual feature in the national sailing sports calendar under the Yachting Association of India.

Sailors sporting Tricolour masts taking part in the Championship yesterday. Picture right shows the participants competing in the National Meet today.

Society wedding

Former MLA Vasu celebrated the wedding of his eldest son V. Kaveesh Gowda (Secretary, Vidya Vikas Educational Trust) with Dr. Pragya (daughter of Shivaprakash) at a simple ceremony held at Olive Garden in city yesterday. Vasu's other two sons Avish (second from left) and Rithesh are also seen with the newly wed.

Multi-layered security in Ayodhya for President's visit tomorrow

Ram Nath Kovind

Ayodhya, Aug. 28 (UNI)- The religious city of Ayodhya has turned into a virtual fortress ahead of the proposed visit of President Ram Nath Kovind on Sunday.

Security personnel have been deployed at the programme spots and the entire route the President's convoy would be covering. Special security arrangements have been made at the Ram Janmabhoomi area, particularly in Hanumangarhi and Ram Lalla temples.

Accompanied by his wife Savita Kovind, the President will reach Ayodhya from Lucknow by Presidential special train. UP Governor Anandiben Patel and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath are also expected to reach the temple city by the same train and the VVIPs are slated to spend four hours in the city. However, the people of Ayodhya on Sunday will have to face several restrictions due to the VVIP's visit.

District Magistrate Anuj Kumar Jha said here today that preparations to accord a grand welcome to the President have been completed.

Railway authorities say that a special vehicle will be stationed near the coach from where the President will alight at Ayodhya Railway Station's Platform No. 1. To accommodate other dignitaries, a VIP guest room has been erected there, replete with new furniture and other facilities. District officials said the President will inaugurate the Ramayana conclave and other projects after offering prayers to Ram Lalla.

Minister pleased with Rangayana's activities

Energy and Kannada & Culture Minister V. Sunil Kumar at the photo expo featuring Rangayana's annual activities at Rangayana premises in city on Wednesday. Rangayana Director Addanda C. Cariappa and Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy are also seen. Picture alongside shows the students of Bharatiya Ranga Shikshana Kendra presenting a Kolata performance on the occasion.

Mysuru, Aug. 28 (SBD&DM)- In his first visit to 'Rangayana' after being inducted into the Basavaraj Bommai Cabinet, Energy and Kannada & Culture Minister V. Sunil Kumar visited the theatre repertory in the city on Wednesday.

During his visit, the Minister was taken around the entire Rangayana premises and was explained about the activities going on there.

Sunil Kumar witnessed Kolata, street plays and other performances of the Rangayana students and also watched a photo expo featuring the theatre repertory's annual activities.

Sunil Kumar also witnessed acclaimed writer Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa's popular play 'Parva' for about 15 minutes, which enthralled him.

Rangayana Director Addanda C. Cariappa, who took the Minister around the repertory, presented a memorandum to him seeking funds for various theatre activities and also for salaries of employees and other expenditures.

Highlighting that Rangayana has four platforms (Rangamandiras) — Bhoomigeetha, Sriranga, Vanaranga and B.V. Karanth Ranga Chavadi — Cariappa told the Minister that the theatre repertory has over 70 employees, out of which only 19 are getting salaries from Government wage grants.

Maintaining that the Government has released a meagre sum of Rs. 60 lakh in 2021-22 in the wake of COVID-19 crisis, he said that this fund was not enough even to meet salaries.

Stating that Rangayana is engaged in staging a series of popular plays such as 'Malegalalli Madumagalu' and 'Sri Ramayana Darshanam' of poet Laureate Kuvempu, *Saraswathi Samman* awardee Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa's work 'Parva' etc., Cariappa informed the Minister that the theatre repertory has many young and budding artistes.

Appraising the Minister on the calendar of activities and the role of theatre giant B.V. Karanth in the setting up of Rangayana over three decades ago, the Rangayana Director said that the theatre repertory is hosting theatre training workshops for amateur artistes twice a year and is engaged in organising College Rangotsava, Greeshma Rangotsava, Chinnara Mela, Navarathri Rangotsava and such other annual events at different points of time.

Noting that the Rangayana is also conducting a theatre diploma course for the past 10 years under Bharatiya Ranga Shikshana Kendra, he said that there is no separate grant for running this course.

Asserting that Rangayana was incurring an expenditure of Rs. 1.48 crore annually, which included Rs. 82.80 lakh for theatre activities, Rs. 25 lakh for maintenance and Rs. 40 lakh for Bharatiya Ranga Shikshana Kendra, he sought the help of the Minister for getting the shortfall amount of Rs. 87.80 lakh for meeting expenditures.

Appealing for decentralisation of power in Kannada and Culture Department, Cariappa said that the appointment of a Joint Director will help in promoting culture besides expanding the activities of the Department.

Recalling that this system was in place several years ago, Cariappa said that the decentralisation will also help in saving money and time as unnecessary travel from different district headquarters to Bengaluru will stop. He also argued that such a step will widen the scope of theatre activities.

'Provide separate power line for theatre repertory'

Apart from presenting a memorandum seeking more grants for meeting the growing expenses of the theatre repertory, Addanda Cariappa also sought a separate power line for Rangayana.

Pointing out that theatre activities will be hit if power supplies are cut off in case of non-payment of electricity bills, he said that the best way to overcome this situation is to have a separate power line.

Sunil Kumar, who is also the Energy Minister, directed the CESC officials to look into the matter and take necessary action in this regard.

Rangayana Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy and other officials were present.

NOW SHOWING - MOVIES

Mahadeshwara Theatre **Mob: 9900820093**
Seetharam Benoy Case No. 18 (K) - 4 shows

Padma Theatre **Ph: 2521923**
Krishna Talkies (K) - 4 shows

Woodlands Theatre **Ph: 2422871**
Bell Bottom (H) - 4 Shows

Balaji Theatre **Ph: 2497199**
Chehre (H) - 3 shows

Uma Theatre **Ph: 2520009**
The Last Horror (H) - 4 shows

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Seetharam Benoy Case No. 18 (K)	(S-1)	1.15 pm
Chehre (H)	(S-1)	3.40 pm
		6.20 pm
	(S-3)	11.15 am
The Conjuring (E)	(S-2)	11.00 am
		6.25 pm
Sridevi Soda Center (Te)	(S-2)	3.25 pm
	(S-3)	6.05 pm
Krishna Talkies (K)	(S-3)	3.15 pm
Bell Bottom (3D-H)	(S-4)	10.50 am
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Chehre (H)	(S-2)	10.45 am
		2.00 pm
		5.15 pm
	(S-3)	4.30 pm
Bell Bottom (3D-H)	(S-1)	11.30 am
		2.30 pm
Bell Bottom (H)	(S-1)	5.30 pm
	(S-3)	10.30 am
		1.30 pm
Sridevi Soda Center (Te)	(S-4)	5.00 pm
Krishna Talkies (K)	(S-4)	1.40 pm
Groufie (K)	(S-4)	11.00 am

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		2.00 pm
		5.00 pm
Sridevi Soda Centre (Te)	:	10.05 am
		1.40 pm
		5.15 pm
Demon Slayer: Mugen Train (E)	:	4.15 pm
		5.30 pm

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Groufie (K)	(S-1)	11 am, 4.30 pm
Jeevnane Natka Samy (K)	(S-4)	11.30 am, 4 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

Self-defence training for girls by Police Department

Mysuru, Aug. 28 (MK&AK)- After the gang-rape incident in city, question raised over the safety of women. Many expressed that 'Self-defence' training for girls should be made compulsory in every city. Already self-defence training for girls aged 13-25 is given at KSRP hostel grounds in Gayathripuram. Training is given since 20 days, only for the family members of Police staffs.

KSRP 5th Battalion Assistant Commandant Mahadevaswamy told *SOM*, "Following the instructions of KSRP ADGP Alok Kumar, basic techniques of self-defence is being trained to 25 girls. As of now, black belt holders among the family members of Police staff are training the participants and later there are plans to rope in expert trainers. Planning to start self-defence training for other girls from Sept. 1 onwards. Also advanced self-defence techniques will be taught to girls in the coming days. One month training session will be held for one hour from 5-6 pm, self-defence will help girls to gain confidence to face any kind of situations.

"In order to curb the incidents of gang-rape which took place in Mysuru, Delhi (Nirbhaya) and Hyderabad, it is must for every girl to undergo self-defence training."

— R. Janardhan
KSRP 5th Battalion Commandant

Moreover self-defence training is required for girls studying in schools and colleges," he added.

"Currently the training is given only to the family members of Police. Incidents of sexual assault on women are increasing every day, in order to protect themselves self-defence training is must for every girl. Very soon self-defence training will be open for public, as school, college and Police Department grounds have been selected for the training. Also, 10 girls who won black belt in Karate will be appointed as trainers, if necessary more women Karate trainers will be deputed from Bengaluru," said KSRP 5th Battalion Commandant R. Janardhan.

For details and registration, contact Mob: 94808-05805 or 94808-05838, 94808-00847.

Tokyo Paralympic Games (August 24 - September 5)

Paddler Bhavina Patel enters gold match

Archer Rakesh Kumar progresses

Tokyo, Aug. 28- The Indian paddler Bhavina Patel enters a historic women's singles Class 4 Final with a 7-11, 11-7, 11-4, 9-11, 11-8 victory over China's Zhang Miao, a silver medallist at Rio 2016.

The Indian will take on another Chinese in the final, World No. 1 Zhou Ying, for top spot on the podium tomorrow (Aug 29) at 7.15 am (IST).

On the other hand, India's Rakesh Kumar defeated Hong Kong's Ka Chuen Ngai 144-131 to win his 1/16 Elimination match of men's individual compound archery event. **Rakesh will next take on Marian Marecak of Slovenia in Round-of-16 match on Aug. 31 at 7.15 am (IST).**

Bhavina Patel

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EVENTS TOMORROW (AUG. 29)

- **Sri Krishna Seva Samithi Charitable Trust and Sri Krishna Gana Sabha:** Sri Krishna Janmashtami celebrations, Punyahavachana, Rakshabandhana, **9 am;** Sri Janmashtami - Alankara and Puja, Alwar Kala Bhavan, Sri Krishna Temple Complex, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **5.30 pm.**
- **JSS College of Arts, Commerce and Science, Ooty Road:** 106th Jayanthi of Jagadguru Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Mahaswamiji and inauguration of JSS Community Radio 91.2 FM Station, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, Dr. L. Murugan, Union Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, Dairy and Information and Broadcasting, inaugurates JSS Radio 91.2 FM Station, V. Somanna, Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Development, Government of Karnataka, inaugurates 106th Jayanthi of Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Mahaswamiji, S.A. Ramdas, MLA and former Minister, presides, College premises, Ooty Road, **11 am.**

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Easy 4 Instalment Facility
- 60ft, 40ft & 30ft wide Roads
- Borewell with overhead tanks
- Underground water & Sanitary Lines
- Electrification as per CESCOM
- Parks & Civil Amenities as per MUDA Norms
- NOC Obtained from MUDA

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